

Resolution #TC- 1751

US 6 – Wadsworth Interchange

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the Transportation Commission approved revisions to Policy Directive 1601 concerning the state highway interchange approval process; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation completed the US6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, which includes the Policy Directive requirements for a System Level Feasibility Study (SLS) including the need for system improvements in the US6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Interchange area; and

WHEREAS, the EA for the US6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Interchange (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”) was released for public review and comment on July 13, 2009 and the public comment period will close on August 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the EA has analyzed traffic operations of the proposed improvements and found it consistent with the corridor’s need to facilitate continuity and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a Type 2 request under the terms of Policy Directive 1601 which has been referred by the Chief Engineer to the Transportation Commission for consideration; and

WHEREAS, by approval of the Chief Engineer on June 25, 2009 and pursuant to Procedural Directive 1601.1, the EA and its supporting technical reports, which include the operational feasibility of the proposed improvements, shall serve as a substitute to the system level feasibility study for purposes of this approval process; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the Project is approximately \$100 million in 2010 dollars;

WHEREAS, the CDOT, as the sole funding source to date, will continue to actively pursue additional funding sources, which are not limited to state and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, all costs and responsibilities associated with project financing, construction, maintenance and operations shall be determined through Intergovernmental Agreement(s) approved by the Chief Engineer between CDOT, the City of Lakewood, and Regional Transportation District (RTD); and

WHEREAS, approval of the Final Construction, Maintenance and Operations IGA(s) by the Chief Engineer is necessary prior to construction; and

WHEREAS, CDOT must demonstrate significant progress towards implementation of the Project within three (3) years of the date of approval of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1. The Transportation Commission approves the request for modifications at the US6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Interchange as meeting the standards set forth in Policy Directive 1601.**
- 2. The Transportation Commission approves the EA, in lieu of the system level feasibility study, for the Project.**
- 3. The Chief Engineer is authorized to enter into IGA(s) with the City of Lakewood and RTD for the financing, construction, maintenance and operations of the facilities associated with the Project.**
- 4. These approvals are contingent on:**
 - Completion and approval of the appropriate National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) decision document consistent with the CDOT Environmental Stewardship Guide; and**
 - Approval of applicable access, design and environmental permitting documents by the appropriate agencies; and**
 - Approval by the Chief Engineer of IGA(s) for the financing, construction, maintenance and operations of the facilities associated with the construction of the proposed improvements**